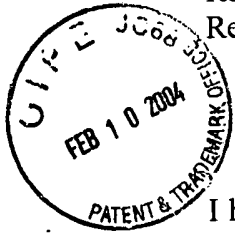


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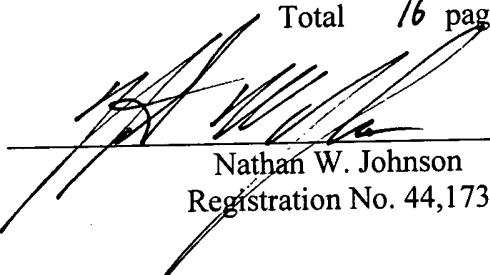
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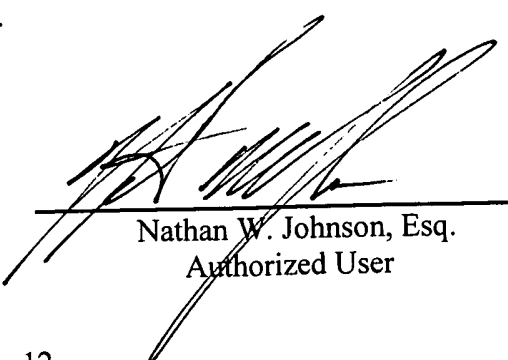
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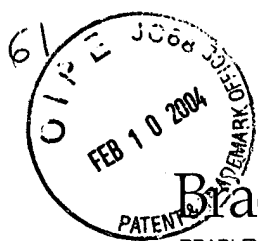
  
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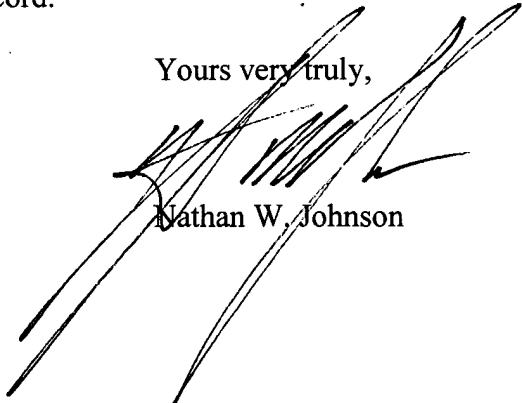
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**RE: App. Ser. No.: 09/590,586**  
**Filing Date: June 8, 2000**  
**Inventor: Holmes, William W., IV, et al.**  
**Title: Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes**  
**Responsive No.: Office Action of November 10, 2003**  
**Examiner: Burch, M.**  
**Art Unit: 3683**

Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed an Office Action Response relating to the Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes, Application Serial No. 09/590,586. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response into the record.

Yours very truly,

  
Nathan W. Johnson

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Enclosure